

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – Expedited Procedure

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REMARKS

Claims 29-31 and 33 remain in this application. Claims 1-28 and 32 have been canceled. No Claims have been amended.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 12-26 and 28-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,875,240 to Silverman. (the Silverman reference). In addition, the Office Action rejected claims 10-11 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverman as applied to claims 1 and 29. Only Claims 29-31 and 33 remain in this application and therefore the rejection to all other claims is moot. Regarding Claims 29-31 and 32, Applicant respectfully submits the Silverman reference fails to disclose all the elements of the claims as required under 25 U.S.C. 102, and so the rejection is not supported by the art and should be withdrawn. The same argument is made with regard to the 103(a) rejection of Claim 33.

As previously presented, Claim 29 states, “a database including a table of stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and stored phone numbers; and a controller, coupled to said database, capable of receiving an alphanumeric speed dialing code from a calling party and further capable of comparing the received alphanumeric speed dialing code to the stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and if there is a match then enabling a connection between the calling party and a called party at the stored phone number associated with the received alphanumeric speed dialing code; and wherein said calling party provides one feature access code along with the alphanumeric speed dialing code to initiate the alphanumeric speed dialing service and said calling party provides another feature access code along with the numerical speed dialing code to initiate the numerical speed dialing service.”

The Silverman reference fails to disclose, *inter alia*, the element of claim 29 of, “wherein said calling party provides one feature access code along with the alphanumeric speed dialing code to initiate the alphanumeric speed dialing service and said calling party provides another feature access code along with the numerical speed dialing code to initiate the numerical speed dialing service.” The Silverman reference, nor any other cited reference, nowhere describes having two types of speed dialing services - an alphanumeric speed dialing service and a

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numerical speed dialing service. It nowhere describes having different feature access codes to initiate the different type of services. Thus, it fails to describe each element required by claim 29. Therefore, independent claim 29 and all claims dependent therefrom (Claims 30-31 and 33) are believed to be patentable over all cited references.

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

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